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For: **SELF-CONTAINED CELL CULTURE
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF USE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application. This amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the final Office Action dated May 6, 2009, for which a response is due on August 6, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 8, 2009 (the 6th being a Sunday and the 7th being Labor Day). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.